

they were large and fit to eat. He killed one, which being roasted, proved to be more delicious than any house-lamb.

This he lived upon as long as he could keep it eatable; having reserved one for the females, and the other for a time he should be scanted, and in want of flesh; but was unfortunately disappointed by a parcel of large eagles, which flying one morning over the place where the antelopes were playing, being of a gay as well as active disposition, pitched down with precipitation upon the male he reserved for time of need, and one of the females which he kept for breeding. Seeing his divertors taken by those birds of prey, he



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runs for his bow, but came too late with it, the eagles being gone.

Lamenting the loss of his dear antelopes, he thinks on means to prevent the like evil for the time to come. The winter being very wet, he employed himself in making a net; which having finished by the spring, he goes and fastens it to the trees he saw them come in at.

The next morning, after paying his usual devotion, he takes a walk to his plantations, on which he implores a continuation of the prosperous condition they appear to be in; next he goes to examine the nets, in which he finds a brace of fowls like ducks, but twice as large, and exceeding beautiful; these he pinions, puts them in the pond, and makes baskets for them to shelter in, which he places in the branches of those trees that hung closest to the water; taking particular care to feed them daily with roots roasted and boiled, and the guts of the fish, and other creatures he used for his own eating; which made them thrive mainly, and take to the place so that they bred in their season,

The five antelopes had by this time kidded, and brought sixteen young ones: His peas and beans also were wonderfully improved, having that season enough to stock the ground